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TAGS: EAID VS IBRD

SUBJECT: CONSULTATIVE GROUP FOR SOUTH VIETNAM

REF: A. STATE 071100, B. STATE 071066

1. IN ABSENCE OF FOREIGN MINISTER AND UNDER SECRETARY, I CONSULTED

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KNUT HEDEMANN, DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND LEFT AIDE- MEMORE REGARD- IN THE US POSITION ON RECONSTRUCTION AID FOR VIETNAM AS DESCRIBED IN REFTEL A. I SPECIFICALLY SOUGHT HIS SUPPORT FOR THE CREATION OF A CONSULTATIVE GROUP UNDER IBRD. HE PERSONALLY FAVORED THE IDEA BUT REMAINED NONCOMMITTAL. THE NORWEGIAN DELEGATION ON RECONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE WHICH HAS JUST TOURED NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAM HAS RETURNED BUT ITS REPORT WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL AFTER THE EASTER HOLIDAYS.

2. HEDEMANN REFERRED TO THE SKEPTICAL REMARKS MADE BY FOREIGN MINISTER VAARIK IN OTTAWA ON APRIL 13 REGARDING AID TO VIETNAM. VAARVIK WAS BRIEFED BY FOREIGN MINISTER SHARP ABOUT THE VICISSITUDES OF THE INTERNATIONAL SUPERVISORY COMMISSION AND AFTERWARDS DECLARED PUBLICLY THAT " IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO START ANY REAL AID PROGRAM AT THIS POINT IN TIME." HEDEMANN ADMITTED THAT VAARVIK'S REMARKS WERE BASED SOLELY ON THE CANADIAN BRIEFING; HE HAD NOT RECEIVED ANY REPORTS FROM THE NORWEGIAN DELEGATION IN VIETNAM.

3. HEDEMANN DECLARED THAT HE SHARED HIS FOREIGN MINISTER'S PESSIMISM AND DOUBTED THAT ANY OF THE 30 MILLION NORWEGIAN KRONER IN AID SET ASIDE FOR NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAM WOULD BE DISBURSED THIS YEAR.

4. HEDEMANN AGREED THAT NORTH VIETNAM HAS SO FAR NOT INDICATED ANY INTEREST IN MULTILATERAL AID BUT HE WONDERED ALOUD WHETHER PRC MEMBERSHIP IN ECAFE, UNDER WHICH ADB OPERATES, MAY NOT LEAD TO A CHANGE IN THE NORTH VIETNAM ATTITUDE.

5. HEDEMANN PROMISED TO BRING THE AIDE- MEMOIRE TO THE ATTENTION OF HIS FOREIGN MINISTER AND OTHER KEY OFFICIALS.

6. I ALSO CONSULTED DIRECTOR GENERAL THOMAS LOVALD, ALTERNATE NORWEGIAN GOVERNOR TO THE IMF, WHO WAS PREPARING TO ATTEND THE ADB ANNUAL MEETING IN MANILA AS LEADER OF THE NORWEGIAN DELEGATION. HE DECLARED THAT NORWAY HAS A POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS AID TO NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAM BUT NOTED THAT NORTH VIETNAM'S REFUSAL TO ACCEPT MULTILATERAL ASSISTANCE COULD BE A COMPLICATION IN FORMING A CONSORTIUM FOR SOUTH VIETNAM. LOVALD UNDERSTANDS THAT THE IBRD IS DEPENDING ON THE ADB TO BE THE PRIME MOVER IN CREATING A CONSULTATIVE GROUP. WHILE VIETNAM AID IS CONFIDENTIAL

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NOT ON THE AGENDA OF THE ADB MEETING, HE IS CONFIDENT IT WILL

BE DISCUSSED, AT LEAST IN THE CORRIDORS.
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